

REMARKS

Applicants' attorney thanks Examiner Gall for the courtesies extended during a telephone conference between applicants' attorney and the examiner on March 25, 2004, in which the examiner's comments in the first full paragraph on page 4 of the 12/24/2003 Office Action were discussed. No agreement was reached as a result of this telephone discussion.

Cancellation of Claims / Notice of Filing Divisional Application

By the above Amendment, rejected Claims 1-8, 19-21, 23, 24, 31, 32, 39, 40, 44 and 45 have been canceled without prejudice to applicants' right to file a continuation application with these claims. In addition, withdrawn Claims 46-53 have been canceled; applicants have filed a divisional application containing these withdrawn claims, specifically Application Serial No. 10/793,310 filed March 3, 2004.

All Pending Claims Allowed

Claims 9-18, 25-30, 33, 35-38 and 41-43 are pending in this application, all of which claims have been allowed by the final Office Action dated 12/24/2003. Allowed Claim 25 has been amended to correct two inadvertent typographical errors (at lines 13 and 14) noted by the examiner.

Enclosed herewith is a supplemental "Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b)" and a new "Power of Attorney", both dated 4/2/04, for filing in this application. These enclosures are supplemental to the "Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b)" and "Power of Attorney" filed on March 3, 2004, which previously filed documents inadvertently bear an obviously incorrect signatory date of "2-24-05" instead of the actual date of 2-24-04.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance as to all pending claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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